

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN AND KIDS CANCER CONNECTION

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection, which are located in the 30th Congressional District, which I represent.

Los Angeles Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa, proclaimed the week of October 2, 2005 "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" in the City of Los Angeles. I am pleased to join Mayor Villaraigosa in thanking Steven Firestein, the founder of American Cancer Fund for Children and its sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection for his wonderful work in assisting children affected by cancer.

More than eleven years ago, Steven began the American Cancer Fund for Children to provide vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Skull Base Institute at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Office Towers in Los Angeles, Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles as well as participating hospitals throughout the country.

One of the wonderful services provided through American Cancer Fund for Children is the Magical Caps for Kids program. Hand-made caps and decorated baseball caps are given to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation. The American Cancer Fund for Children also sponsors Courageous Kid award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in recognition of a child's bravery and determination to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

As we know, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 11,000 of our nation's children each year. Steven Firestein and the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection are providing critical services and comfort to young patients battling cancer and their families. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing Steven Firestein for his tremendous efforts.

CONGRATULATING TO RECIPIENTS OF DIRECTOR AWARD FROM THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE WATER

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Pennsylvania American Water, and the New Castle and Ellwood City Water Treatment Plants on re-

ceiving the Directors Award of recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water.

The Partnership for Safe Water was created by the Environmental Protection Agency, and is dedicated to providing communities with drinking water that exceeds the requirements set by the Federal Government. To receive the Directors Award, water systems must examine the capabilities of their plant operations and then create a plan to put into action the new improvements.

The Pennsylvania American Water has received the Directors Award for five consecutive years. Only 37 other water authorities have done the same. Among the 19 treatment facilities that were recognized in Pennsylvania, New Castle and Ellwood City were two.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Pennsylvania American Water on receiving the Directors Award. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled authority like Pennsylvania American Water.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ANDREW A. MAZZARA

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to and celebrate the career of Andrew A. Mazzara. He has announced his retirement from the presidency of Henry Ford Community College, HFCC, after 34 years of service.

Mr. Mazzara's leadership and experience advanced HFCC's reputation through innovation and development. A lifelong resident of Dearborn and 1963 graduate of HFCC, Mr. Mazzara's earned respect and success through his hard work and determination. He can truly be called an educational pioneer and through his devotion to students, faculty and the community he served has had a lasting positive impact on Dearborn and the State of Michigan.

In 1966 he started his career at HFCC teaching engineering, apprentice training and drafting: Taking a short respite in 1972 as a technical consultant and administrator for the Michigan Department of Education, he returned in 1977 to become Dean of Career Education. As dean, he helped his areas of oversight, Business and Economics, Health Careers, Nursing, Industrial Technology, Apprentice Training, Management Development, and Customized Training Divisions, expand and develop into educationally rich and nationally respected programs. In 1982 he took a 1 year work leave to be the Interim Director of the UAW-Ford Motor Company National Education and Development Training Center, which was the nation's first joint labor-management hourly worker training program.

In 1987, Mr. Marazza was named the vice president/dean of career education at HFCC. Following the trend and recognizing his dedication and skill, in 1990, the HFCC Board named him president. Charged with running the fifth largest community college in Michigan, Mr. Mazzara immersed himself in the community creating bonds with businesses, organized labor, and government. During his tenure as president, eleven buildings were renovated and another six were built, all a part of a \$67 million campus improvement plan he has spearheaded. Under his leadership the school balanced its finances, improved its programs, and gained national respect. The UAW and Ford Motor Company recognized his achievements and awarded him the Distinguished Service Award in 1998. His other awards include the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce President of the Year, Detroit College of Business Citizen of the Year Award, and the Italian American Cultural Society Heritage Award.

Andrew A. Mazzara's continued commitment to Henry Ford Community College and Dearborn at large has helped to create a vibrant, outreaching educational community. Long after Mr. Mazzara's departure, the gateway he created to quality higher education will continue to benefit thousands. His legacy will not be forgotten.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The House in Committee of the White House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4128) to protect private property rights.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4128, The Private Property Right Protection Act of 2005. This bill is overbroad and unreasonably restricts States and municipalities from crafting practical legislation that addresses their specific needs.

H.R. 4128 is Congress' response to the Kelo v. City of New London decision. The Kelo decision allows local governments to take private property to build the tax base and promote economic development. H.R. 4128 prohibits government use of eminent domain where private property is taken for economic development purposes. It unduly restricts States and local governments from exercising their sovereign powers to eliminate abuses in eminent domain, while maintaining an ability to develop their community. As a former Mayor of Somerville, MA, I am very familiar with the issues surrounding municipalities exercising eminent domain for public use.

While I do not wish to see local government recklessly and irresponsibly take property from private owners, especially the low-income and

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disadvantaged, I cannot support a bill that preemptively acts before a municipality has an opportunity to develop its own policies. Some 30 States have either already drafted legislation concerning this issue or are working on legislation. It is unfair to invalidate State and local attempts to adjust, legislatively, to a Supreme Court decision just issued in June of this year.

The House should have spent more time developing legislation that was less intrusive on States' and local governments' sovereignty. For example, this bill could strip Federal economic development funding for two years from a State or local government that exercised eminent domain, even if the project taken did not receive Federal funds. All economic development funds, including those not involved with the condemned project, would be lost. Projects worthy of being built might be eliminated due to the lack of economic development funds. This can be disastrous for a local government's economic growth and sustainability. Local officials would be constantly concerned that exercising eminent domain could result in lawsuits and loss of funds.

I voted for an amendment that would have added some sense of fairness to the government's use of eminent domain, but it did not pass. The amendment, offered by Congressman MICHAEL TURNER of Ohio, would permit cities to continue using eminent domain to redevelop a Brownfield site. It also enumerated several instances where, for the public's health and safety, the government could use eminent domain when necessary to rid the community of a hazardous property.

I could support a bill that strikes a balance and is fair to State and local governments. This bill does not meet that threshold.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEMETRIS KASTANAS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary achievements of an important member of the Astoria, NY community, Mr. Demetris Kastanas.

On February 18, 1968, Mr. Kastanas emigrated from his homeland Greece to the United States, looking for a better life and future in this country. Having worked a number of different jobs, including pumping gas and selling insurance, Mr. Kastanas managed to save enough money to open his first restaurant. A second restaurant soon followed.

As a successful businessman in his adopted country, Mr. Kastanas felt that he had to serve the community that had served him so well.

He was particularly interested in finding ways for Greek Americans to maintain a sense of connection to their motherland. On September 15, 1975, Mr. Kastanas launched National Greek Television, a weekly Greek television program on channel 47 WNJU. This is the longest running Greek television program outside Greece. In July 1983, Mr. Kastanas expanded to the Chicago area. It now airs in Boston, Atlanta, New Jersey, and other mar-

kets. In late 1999, NGTV bought its own Electronic News Gathering van to provide live coverage of important events.

As the expansion of cable channels created new opportunities for niche markets, Mr. Kastanas began to explore the possibility of an all-Greek cable station. His dream became a reality. In 1987, the Greek Channel began airing on the Time-Warner Cable system in Queens and Brooklyn. This channel was the first Greek cable channel in the United States.

Seeking new ways to cover issues of interest to Hellenes, Mr. Kastanas became interested in other media formats. He founded 'Eseis,' a biweekly magazine to address the interests of the Hellenic-American community. Eseis is the plural form of 'you' in Greek, reflecting the magazine's emphasis on serving the entire Hellenic community.

Through his television programs, cable channel, and magazine, Demetris Kastanas has given Greek and Hellenic-Americans a voice in the United States that might otherwise not have been heard. His tremendous leadership has been evident through his ability to organize rallies and demonstrations on the Cyprus issue that have communicated clearly the Hellenic-American community's strong feelings on this subject.

Mr. Kastanas's work has provided Hellenic-Americans with a connection to their homeland, through Hellenic news, folklore, music, and more. His programming has also helped new Hellenic immigrants assimilate into life in the United States.

He and his wife, Nomiki, continue to work and instill the best of the Hellenic American culture in their community, but especially in the youngest generation of their family: Matina and George.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my distinguished colleagues rise and pay tribute to a great New Yorker, Demetris Kastanas, for his 30 years of accomplishments. His many successes are a reflection of the vibrant and thriving community he so faithfully serves.

REFLECTING ON THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF FORMER ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reflect on the life and contributions of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was tragically assassinated 10 years ago. Yitzhak Rabin dedicated his entire life to the cause of peace and security for Israel. He fought tirelessly for the right of all Israelis to live normal lives without fear of attack, to dine with friends, to shop, and to send their children to school on buses. Yitzhak Rabin was many things, a soldier, an Ambassador, a Knesset Member, a Prime Minister, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. He is remembered best as a peacemaker who changed the course of history.

I In addition to valiantly serving Israel's armed forces for 27 years, including during the

War of Independence, the Suez War, and the Six-Day War as Chief of Staff, Yitzhak Rabin is responsible for leading Israel through many historic times. In 1975 he signed the interim agreement with Egypt which laid the groundwork for peace between Israel and Egypt. In 1976, Yitzhak Rabin ordered the successful liberation of the hijacked Air France flight, known as Operation Entebbe. And in 1994 Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan signed a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan. Most notably, Yitzhak Rabin's legacy includes the signing of the Declaration of Principles framework agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, and the famous handshake with the late PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat on the White House lawn.

Upon the signing of the Declaration of Principles on September 13, 1993, Yitzhak Rabin said to the Palestinians, "We say to you today in a loud and clear voice: Enough of blood and tears. Enough. We harbor no hatred toward you. We have no desire for revenge. We, like you, are people who want to build a home, plant a tree, love, live side by side with you—in dignity, empathy, as human beings, as free men . . ."

Clearly, this was a man who envisioned a free, secure, and democratic Jewish state at peace with all its neighbors. Yitzhak Rabin's message resounded across Israel, and it is no wonder that on November 4, 1995, he attended and spoke at a peace rally in Tel Aviv amidst tens of thousands of enthusiastic supporters with banners proclaiming "Yes to peace—no to violence." In his final address at the peace rally Yitzhak Rabin stated, "I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace, are prepared to take risks for peace," and "Peace is what the Jewish People aspire to, a true aspiration." Yitzhak Rabin was fatally shot by a Jewish student as he left the rally.

On the 10th anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's death, I wish to express the deepest condolences of the American people to the family of Yitzhak Rabin and to all the people of Israel for the loss of this great leader. Additionally, we must honor his life and his work by continuing the pursuit of peace in the Middle East.

The United States and Israel share a special bond, one that Yitzhak Rabin helped to establish during his time as Ambassador to the U.S. This bond is steadfast and represents the abundance of shared values and common goals of our two societies. I am proud to be part of the U.S. Congress, a body which stands by Israel when Israel needs us. Just last week, the House of Representatives voted to pass the Conference Report of the Fiscal Year 2006 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act which includes \$2.3 billion in military assistance and \$240 million in economic assistance to Israel. Without a doubt, Yitzhak Rabin's legacy of bringing the U.S. and Israel closer together lives on.

Ten years after Yitzhak Rabin's tragic death, let us renew our commitment to fostering peace in the Middle East. We must encourage efforts that support the peacemakers of this world and penalize those who would murder innocents. Yitzhak Rabin has left a wonderful legacy over his long and distinguished career of service, and it is with the utmost respect and admiration that I support the people of Israel in their quest for peace.

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, in anticipation of National Philanthropy Day, I rise to draw attention to the generosity of the American people and the organizations that work to give hope and help to so many in our country. National Philanthropy Day is recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals on November 15.

More specifically, I rise today in recognition of the many Missourians who give selflessly of their time, talent and finances to assist neighbors in need as well as victims of poverty, natural disaster and conflict. I commend the good work of the volunteers and staff of non-profit organizations and the financial donors who underwrite their efforts.

According to a study by the U.S. Department of Labor and Purdue University, more than 30 percent of Missourians volunteered their time in 2003. The paid staff of charitable organizations should be commended highly for their good work. However, most would agree that they simply could not do what they do without the hearts, minds and hands of dedicated volunteers.

So, today, I recognize not only the organizations but the people who brighten the days of those in need. It was Theodore Roosevelt who charged all of our fellow citizens to "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." Many of my constituents in the St. Louis area are doing just that.

Following is a small sampling of the numerous charitable organizations doing great things in and around Missouri's Second Congressional District. Each of these charities has distinguished itself in a variety of ways and should be commended for its good work in the St. Louis area. Their sacrifice and compassion is building a better society for all, and we all are in their debt.

Boone Center, www.boonecenter.com. BCI is a St. Charles County non-profit organization committed to providing employment opportunities for adults with disabilities. Established in 1959 as a one-employee candle making shop, Boone Center now employs over 200 adults with disabilities.

Catholic Charities of St. Louis, www.ccstl.org. A federation of 12 agencies and more than 100 programs providing services to people in need including housing services, elder and child day care programs, substance abuse recovery, legal assistance, foster care, emergency shelter and community outreach programs just to name a few. Last year they provided direct services to more than 111,000 individuals.

Connections to Success, www.connectionstosuccess.org. An organization which defines itself as devoted to breaking the cycle of poverty one family at a time. Programs include; Dress for Success, Professional Women's Group, Wheels for Success, Wheels of Hope and a faith-based mentoring program.

Extra Hands for ALS, www.extrahands.org. Based in St. Louis, Extra Hands for ALS is a national voluntary service charity assisting people with ALS, also called Lou Gehrig's disease. Extra Hands partners high school and

college students with families affected with an ALS diagnosed individual to assist them in everyday tasks.

Joyce Meyer Ministries World Outreach, http://www.joycemeyer.org/projects/wo_sub/index.php. Provides humanitarian aid to the world's poor and in response to natural disaster such as the recent tsunami. Assistance includes personal items such as food, water, clothing, hygiene items, and items necessary for rebuilding communities such as boats, bicycles and sewing machines.

KidSmart, <http://www.kidsmartstl.org/>. KidSmart works to provide children and their classrooms with the basic tools for learning by transferring, at no cost, the community's surplus supplies and merchandise into the hands of teachers for school children in need.

Mercy Ministries, <http://www.mercyministries.org/>. Mercy Ministries is a full-time residential care ministry for young women who are struggling with life-controlling issues such as eating disorders, depression, abuse, and chemical dependency. Each girl stays free-of-charge. She comes voluntarily and spends, on average, six months in the home as she deals with the underlying causes of her difficulties.

Mission Gate Prison Ministry, www.missiongateministry.org. Provides residential guidance and counseling to 75 former alcoholics, drug users and convicts in both St. Louis after-care and Fort Good Shepherd Ranch. They also provide evangelistic services in prisons and shelters and the Christmas Angel mission reaching thousands of prisoners' children with gifts, the gospel of Christ and church referral.

Pregnancy Resource Center, <http://www.prcmo.net/index.php>. The Pregnancy Resource Center provides support and counseling to pregnant women and girls including free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling, parenting education, mentoring programs for men and essential items for newborns. Women are also referred for prenatal care, which is often their first contact with a healthcare provider.

Service International, www.serviceinternational.org. Service International (SI) works in the U.S. and abroad, working to empower individuals and communities in crisis by providing leadership training, volunteer coordination, medical care, materials and supplies, and hands-on rebuilding. SI brings fresh hope and tangible help through sustained recovery, with the goal of honoring God and helping people.

Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, <http://www.crisisnurserykids.com/>. Works to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency intervention, respite care and support to families in crisis through short-term care for young children, helping families resolve crisis, offering ongoing support and education to families, providing community outreach and awareness, and advocating for children and families.

Saint Patrick Center, www.stpatrickcenter.org. Saint Patrick Center has impacted the lives of more than 65,000 homeless persons and is recognized nationally for programs that help individuals and families move from homelessness to independence in measurable, cost-effective ways. The Center serves 10,000 individuals and families annually.

These organizations could not function effectively without the support of individual do-

nors and philanthropic grantmakers. Mother Teresa said, "To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it." Donors give staff and volunteers the financial tools that they need to do the charitable work to which they are committed.

Some of the key foundations fueling charitable organizations in St. Louis include: Anheuser-Busch Foundation, Boeing-McDonnell Foundation, The Crawford Taylor Foundation, Daughters of Charity Foundation, Deer Creek Foundation, Emerson Charitable Trust, Employees Community Fund of Boeing-St. Louis, James S. McDonnell Foundation, Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, Monsanto Fund, National Children's Cancer Society, Inc., and the St. Louis Cardinals Community Fund.

The charities and grantmakers mentioned in this statement are just examples of the thousands of American NGO's endeavoring to improve the lives of others both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to reflect on the hard work and dedication of so many who take to heart the words of Scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). It is with admiration and respect that I commend the charitable community for stepping in to provide aid to the most vulnerable among us.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF
THE SHENANGO VALLEY YMCA**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the opening of the new Shenango Valley YMCA of Hermitage, Pennsylvania.

Since the founding of the first YMCA in 1851, this organization has grown to more than 2,500 locations nationwide. In fact, they make up the largest non-profit organization in the country. The YMCA works with people of all races, genders, faiths, ages, and incomes to help communities promote healthy lifestyles.

On October 26, 2005 there will be a dedication ceremony held at the new facility in Hermitage, Pennsylvania.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the dedication of the Shenango Valley YMCA. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute an exceptional organization like the YMCA.

TRIBUTE TO KALAMAZOO
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra on November 18, 2005.

The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League was founded in 1930 by Leta G. Snow

and was originally known as the Women's Committee. Through the years the League raised over \$1.7 million and offered many community and educational programs to folks in the Kalamazoo area by making orchestral music a part of their daily lives.

The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League provides services to our District that far surpasses the vital cultural contribution that their musical performances provide. I would like to acknowledge the many contributions of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League, congratulate them on 75 impressive years of entertaining the residents of Southwestern Michigan, and wish them many more years of continued success.

HONORING PFC. TYLER MACKENZIE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a very heavy heart and I wish to ask the members in this chamber to join me in honoring a fallen soldier from Evans, Colorado. Last week, Private Tyler MacKenzie was killed in action while serving our Nation, in Iraq. He was a patriot that believed strongly in the freedoms we enjoy here in America and joined the Army to help defend the rights of citizens in Iraq.

This is particularly poignant because today Private MacKenzie would have commemorated his life in another way, by celebrating his 21st birthday. However, because of his willingness to serve and place his life on the line for others, we honor him as a fallen soldier.

Private MacKenzie comes from a family with a long military tradition. Both of his grandfathers, Emmett MacKenzie and Ron Borland, served in the Navy. Tyler's father, David, served in the Army during the first Gulf War and his Uncle Chuck was an Engineer in the Army. As a young child, Tyler lived in places like Louisiana and Germany as his dad's stations changed.

For the most part, however, Tyler grew up in the small town of Evans. He attended Greeley West High School and played football. After he graduated in 2003, Tyler worked in the family-owned business, MacKenzie Manufacturing.

He postponed joining the Army in order to train physically and recognized that he wanted to further mature. He did this because he knew once he joined that he would strive for the top and train for the elite Army special forces.

Once he joined, Tyler MacKenzie entered into the renowned 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. He was in the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, and was stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Sadly, Private MacKenzie was in Iraq only a short time. On November 2, 2005, after nearly three weeks in Iraq, he died in combat when a roadside bomb exploded near his armored Humvee in the southern part of Baghdad.

His courage is admirable, and as the legislative body that votes to send our service members into battle, I want to stress this point: He knew what he needed to do, and that was to join our military for at least one

tour of duty to help defend our Nation so the same freedoms we have in America could soon be enjoyed by individuals throughout Iraq.

I spoke with his family, and they are heartbroken about their loss, undoubtedly. However, they are to be admired for their courage and continued dedication to America's military forces who are fighting terrorists in the Middle East. They continue to support the President and ask that America's leaders not give up this fight.

See, last November was the first time Tyler MacKenzie could vote in Federal elections, and he voted to support President Bush because he knew the President was the one he wanted to be Commander in Chief.

As a mother of a sailor, my heart goes out to Tyler's parents David and Julie MacKenzie and his sister Nicole.

Mr. Speaker, we are so fortunate to live in this great country where freedom is something that we rarely have to think about and often take for granted. It is simply a way of life for us, and we are truly blessed to live in a country that honors citizens for their spirit, their ideas, their individuality, and their courage. We can maintain the blessings of our freedoms only because we have citizens like Tyler who are willing to fight to defend them for us.

HONORING SHERIFF RICKY HEADLEY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Williamson County's own "Singing Sheriff", Ricky Headley. Since he took office in 2003, Headley has been instrumental in improving the lives of Williamson County residents—not only as Sheriff, but through his charitable works as well.

As Sheriff, Headley has instituted new procedures, increased community outreach, and raised morale in the Sheriff's Office. A few of Headley's accomplishments include:

A reduced Staff turnover rate at the Sheriff's Office.

The Amber Alert System has been installed to assist in locating missing children.

Privatized Jail Medical Program to save taxpayers' money and reduce liability.

Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Classes offered for the first time.

Project Lifesaver implemented in April 2005 provides identification bracelets fitted with location transmitters for the mentally handicapped and Alzheimer's patients in order to allow their quick recovery should they wander from home.

A Child Is Missing (ACIM) implemented in January 2005. This nationwide program allows for 1000 calls a minute to be made in a specific area should a child be reported missing.

The result has been a decreasing crime rate in Williamson County even as the population increases.

And despite the incredible demands of his job, Headley continues to delight Tennesseans with his musical talent. Performing with his band, Pure Country, Headley has entertained at more than 100 benefits and fundraisers—helping to raise over 300,000 dollars for charity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Sheriff Headley for his contributions to Williamson County and sending our best wishes to his wife Melissa and children Ricky Jr. and Matt.

ON THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TEACHING OF WRITING MADE BY JAMES GRAY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of James Gray, the founder of a small but enormously successful educational program called the National Writing Project. Sadly, Mr. Gray died on November 1 in Danville, California after a long illness. He was only 78 years old.

Mr. Gray, a former high school teacher and then a senior lecturer at University of California, Berkeley's Graduate School of Education, founded the innovative Bay Area Writing Project in 1974. Acting on his belief that successful classroom teachers were an untapped resource for providing their peers with professional development, James Gray brought together 25 talented Bay Area teachers and charged them with sharing their expertise about the teaching of writing.

The Bay Area Writing Project became the first site that offered a professional development model for teachers of writing. Now known as the National Writing Project (NWP), the program has grown to 189 university-based sites located in fifty states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Congress, on a bi-partisan basis, has shown its recognition for the value of this program by providing Federal appropriations for it for over ten years and I am proud to have helped secure these well-spent funds for this purpose.

Mr. Gray served as Executive Director of the NWP until his retirement in 1994 and remained on the NWP Board of Directors until his death.

James Gray's simple but highly successful model has been responsible for transforming classroom practices and improving student writing performance at schools in rural, urban, and suburban communities across the U.S.

A May 2001 Academy for Educational Development report notes the impact of that vision: "Teachers described their experience with the writing project as nothing short of profound. Beginning with the summer institute and continuing throughout their careers with continuity programs, teachers noted how their philosophy about teaching and learning, their daily practices, and their connection to a network of teachers developed through the project."

I couldn't agree more with Richard Sterling, the NWP Executive Director, when he said that, "Jim's belief in teachers and their knowledge, commitment, and creativity never wavered. We are all the beneficiaries of his vision and his tireless work on behalf of the National Writing Project." I am honored to have known James Gray personally and I am grateful for his vision, and I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S.

Congress for the contributions to education and our society that he made during his lifetime.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAMU'S WEEKLY THREE-HOUR PROGRAM HOT JAZZ SATURDAY NIGHT AND OF THE SHOW'S CREATOR, PRODUCER AND HOST, ROB BAMBERGER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am particularly fortunate to have in my district one of the country's best public broadcasting stations, and Members of the House share in that good fortune while they are in Washington. If Members have had the pleasure of tuning in to WAMU 88.5 FM on Saturday nights you will understand why I rise today to congratulate WAMU and Host Rob Bamberger on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Hot Jazz Saturday Night, Washington's only regularly scheduled show devoted to vintage jazz and one of the longest running locally produced shows on WAMU.

Rob Bamberger's commitment to vintage jazz began in 1963 at an elementary school book fair in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Waiting until the mad rush was over; an admittedly shy kid with glasses approached the record table to see if anything was left. While the table had been picked pretty clean, Rob spied a two-LP set with a trombone and a top hat on the cover, set against an elegant red curtain. It was a two-record set of broadcast recordings by Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra. It cost Rob a dime, a fateful investment because all he had to hear was the "Hawaiian War Chant" and he was hooked. That two-LP set became the cornerstone for a life-long love and scholarly interest in American music of the 1920's, 30's and 40's, and the start of a record collection that has been the mother lode for the music featured on Hot Jazz Saturday Night.

WAMU listeners get a weekly glimpse into Rob Bamberger's record collection every Saturday night from 7 to 10 p.m. Rob often focuses on an artist or theme, illuminating the story behind the music and the artists from his own intimate and extensive store of knowledge, and the most recent scholarship. It becomes a lesson in American history and culture, but never stuffy or professorial. Rob's succinct and informative commentaries are laced with dry humor that endears him to his weekly fans.

Rob Bamberger's Hot Jazz Saturday Night represents programming that listeners can't get anywhere else. Listeners who danced to some of the musicians and groups featured on the show enthuse about hearing artists and songs they have not heard in decades. Other listeners once had the impression that jazz is a remote unapproachable music enjoyed only by denizens of smoke-filled bars. Rob disagrees and says there are no prerequisites to enjoying jazz or Hot Jazz Saturday Night. His commitment to introducing this treasured American art form to new listeners is boundless. You can neither be too old or too young to discover and revel in the music of Benny

Goodman, Louis Armstrong, Glen Miller, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and countless others who are enduring images of a bygone era evoked every Saturday night on WAMU.

I join jazz supporters in the Nation's Capital in paying tribute to WAMU and Rob Bamberger on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Hot Jazz Saturday Night.

HONORING RETIRING ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATOR CHARLES M. SWANICK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime member of the Erie County Legislature who has chosen 2005 as his final year of service as a legislator. This person is not a resident of the 27th Congressional District, but is someone with whom I have worked closely, and about whom I still maintain kind and warm thoughts—former Erie County Legislature Chairman Charles M. Swanick, one of that body's longest-serving members.

Now, Mr. Speaker, believe me, there have been and will continue to be many things said about Chuck Swanick, his tenure in the legislature and his service to the people he represented. I choose to remember Chuck's service in a manner once used by The Buffalo News in endorsing his candidacy for re-election in 1995. That word was "indefatigable."

The word indefatigable is defined as "tireless," "unflagging" or "untiring." Knowing Chuck as I have for nearly 20 years, these words could not describe him, or his manner of service to his constituents, more effectively.

Chuck Swanick was born a quintessential "baby boomer"; born in Buffalo on December 18, 1948 and raised in a northern first-ring suburb of Tonawanda, Chuck and his older brother Dave were raised by two wonderful people, his father Dave, a railroadman, and his mother Murial, a homemaker. Chuck grew up on Moore Avenue in Tonawanda's Lincoln Park area, and like most baby boomers of his generation, made his way through the 1960s and 1970s in a routine way. He finished high school, found work on the railroad like his dad, and spent time with his friends.

It was his friends—or rather a conversation with his friends—that brought Chuck Swanick into the public realm.

During one night's round of discussion and "refreshment," Chuck Swanick and his friends continued a long-held discussion of current events that ordinarily would end with the conclusion that the public officials running Erie County were, shall we say, less than effective. During this conversation, as more beverages were consumed, it was determined that one of the group should stand for election to public office, in order to "make a difference" for their community and, one supposes, for their younger generation.

Then came the kicker for Chuck: he was the only unmarried person—and thus the only person with enough time to effectively campaign for office—among the group. Chuck, it was collectively decided, would be the group's candidate. The office he chose? Erie County Legislator.

Chuck began his quest for public office by answering the local Democratic Party's adver-

tisement for a candidate for the Legislature in what was then the 12th District. Upon attending an endorsement meeting, Chuck was dutifully supplied the party's endorsement and was told, "we'll see you in November." Obviously, the committee wasn't counting on victory. In truth, they were in for a wild ride.

Chuck began his quest for office with a write-in candidacy for the Conservative Party's endorsement—an impossible task, many pundits thought. Chuck began a write-in campaign the likes of which had never before been seen in Erie County, and stunned observers by stealing the line away from the incumbent. Thereafter, Chuck won a difficult general election victory, and so born was a political career that has stretched more than 25 years.

Chuck was a rebel during his early years in the Legislature. Known as a "maverick" Democrat, Chuck always sought to represent the people of his district—in the towns of Tonawanda and Grand Island, the City of Tonawanda and the Village of Kenmore. Chuck had no problems bucking the party line when he thought it appropriate to do so. In so doing, at one point or another, he earned the enmity of public officials from all levels of government. But in his mind, he was representing the people who sent him to County Hall. That was good enough for him.

In later years, as Chuck's years of service in the Legislature grew, he became something of an "elder statesman." Graying hair precipitated the shaving of his moustache, and by the 1990s, Chuck's years of service gave him an institutional knowledge of County government that few possessed. Indeed, it would be that knowledge that would serve him well in years to come.

Chuck served as the chairman of several of the Legislature's standing committees, and was the longtime chairman of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (formerly known as the Agricultural District Advisory Committee).

In 1996, after nearly giving up hope of ascending to the Legislature's leadership, a sudden vacancy in the Legislature's Chairmanship occurred. With a unanimous vote, Chuck Swanick became the 9th Chairman of the Erie County Legislature in May of 1996.

I was proud to work with Chuck during this period. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I had just returned from my studies at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and was eager to work with Chuck in his newfound leadership role.

We would have many successes, working together. All told, I worked with Chuck in the Legislature until my election to the New York State Assembly in 1998, and during that time we had many successes. We worked together to keep the county's property tax levy at a reasonable level, and working together with then-Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski, we retired \$108 million in debt left over from the previous county administration.

Chuck made his mark upon the local laws of Erie County as well. Chuck worked with Legislator Ray Dusza on his first Item Pricing/Scanner Accuracy Law, and then forged a coalition of business leaders and consumer advocates to draft a new, more comprehensive law in 1997. Chuck also was the author of many laws involving one of his pet areas of county government, the Erie County Parks system.

After my election to the State legislature, Chuck continued as Chairman and fought battles old and new. Chuck would go on to serve

two stints as Chairman, for a total of six and one-half years as Chairman, which is the longest total amount of service as Chairman of the Erie County Legislature.

There is one other aspect of Chuck Swanick's life that I cannot fail to mention—and that is his family. Chuck's wife Shelly may well be the most patient and understanding spouse of an elected official in the United States, given Chuck's seemingly non-stop campaign schedule. Chuck is also the father of two children, Maverick and Charlie.

Chuck Swanick's record in the Erie County Legislature is an impressive one. Chuck was the author of dozens of local laws and thousands of legislative resolutions. As a member of the Legislature, Chuck served with four county executives, six legislative chairs (excluding himself), ten majority leaders and eleven minority leaders (excluding himself). Over the Legislature's thirty-seven year history, one hundred and three people have served as members of the Erie County Legislature; at one time or another, Chuck Swanick served with 57 of those people.

At the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, there will be a lot of things said about Chuck Swanick and about his 26 years of service in the Erie County Legislature. To me, Mr. Speaker, I will always remember the sincere concern that Chuck had for his constituents, and the earnestness with which he served those constituents. Chuck's legacy of twenty-six years of service will mark an important chapter in the history of county government, and I am proud to honor his service today.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MERCER COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Mercer County Head Start Program. This week the program, created in 1965, celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Over the past 40 years this non-profit organization has been committed to improving the lives of low-income families and their children. The organization brings together parents, staff and administrators to enhance the future for children and families.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary there will be a ceremony held on October 24, 2005 in Farrell, Pennsylvania.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 40th anniversary of the Mercer County Head Start program. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled organization as the Mercer County Head Start.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL, JR. FOR FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of our friend and colleague the distinguished Honorable JOHN DINGELL, Jr. for his fifty years of service to the people of the 15th Congressional District of Michigan and our nation, in the United States House of Representatives.

Congressman DINGELL's unwavering integrity, strong work ethic, and commitment to the service of others have made him a highly respected and distinguished member of the House. His tenure on Capitol Hill is marked by several achievements including developing legislation to protect our nation's health, environment, and wildlife, pursuing justice for participants in corporate corruption, and working diligently to protect Federal road funds for his home State of Michigan.

Congressman DINGELL was born on July 8, 1926, to the distinguished Congressman John Dingell, Sr., who represented the very same 15th district of Michigan Congressman DINGELL represents today. At the age of 18, John joined the U.S. Army and later rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He finished his military service in the fall of 1946, and then attended Georgetown University where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He then continued his studies at Georgetown Law School, graduating in 1952. Congressman DINGELL then worked as a forest ranger and a prosecuting attorney before he began running his own private law office. In 1955, Congressman DINGELL's father passed away while he was still a Member of the House of Representatives. Congressman DINGELL stepped in to fill his father's position, beginning his career on Capitol Hill at the age of 29.

As anyone who has spent some time on Capitol Hill during the past fifty years already knows, Congressman DINGELL has been a leader of not only the Democratic voice in the House, but has been a beacon of light guiding his fellow Members from both sides of the aisle to strive for what is just and in the best interest of the citizens of this nation. During my tenure in Congress we have worked on several bills together and from these experiences, I have learned that Congressman DINGELL is a man that leads by example and is always a champion of causes that help those who embody the heart and soul of this nation, the working class.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the most distinguished Honorable JOHN DINGELL, Jr., for his fifty-year commitment to serving this nation and improving the lives of Americans all across the country.

H. RES. 220, RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S BLOOD CENTERS

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the efforts of America's Blood Centers and especially the center in the 16th District of Texas, which I represent.

For more than a half a century, United Blood Services of El Paso and Southern New Mexico has been serving our community as the sole source of blood supplies for blood transfusions and trauma surgeries. The United Blood Services has a staff of over 90 handling more than 30,000 donations a year.

When a fire destroyed our local United Blood Services facilities in 2003, there was a serious shortage of blood supply not only for my district, but also for the Southern New Mexico region. The fire destroyed close to 500 units of blood.

Fortunately, an emergency blood drive was quickly organized to obtain enough supply to serve those in need without having to rely on surrounding areas. I applaud not only the efforts of the center, but also those of my constituents who came out to donate during the time of critical need. The incident was incredibly unfortunate, but it did remind us all of what our blood center means to El Paso, and what the community means to the blood center.

Mr. Speaker, with the life-saving services that the center in my district and those around the country provide, it is only appropriate to recognize the important work of America's Blood Centers today. Therefore, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this very worthwhile resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 4, 2005, I was unable to vote on Agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (rollcall vote No. 569). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY BURFORD

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I have known Dorothy Burford for over 25 years, and I loved her drive and spunk from the very first moment I met her. Although life left her blind and deaf in recent years, she never lost that spunk. I have never known anyone with such energy and enthusiasm for life. I certainly do not know anyone who lived a fuller life than Dorothy. She was an active political mind and

an able political voice in Southern Missouri for more than half a century, and she was known far outside the boundaries of Doniphan, MO, her home sweet home.

Dorothy missed only one Republican national convention between 1952 to 2000, and not only did she attend, but she was an active participant. She attended numerous State Lincoln Days over the years, traveling from Doniphan to St. Louis, Kansas City or Springfield and one year, after vacationing in Florida, she decided she just couldn't miss it, so she took a bus by herself from Florida to Kansas City. Although Dorothy didn't have a plan on how to get back to Doniphan, she just knew someone would be there from Southern Missouri and she could ride home with them!

I also recall many wonderful Labor Day parades in Doniphan: Dorothy was always there recruiting people to ride the floats or helping with the decorations. One year, it rained so hard they canceled the parade, but Dorothy, ever the patriot, decided it was a shame to waste all our time and effort, so we had our own parade down Walnut Street.

Dorothy Burford's father, T.L. Wright, started a lumber company in Doniphan which later became the T.L. Sand & Concrete, Co. Dorothy graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, MO, and, being the oldest of 8 children, took over the business when her father died in 1928. Not only was it a rare thing for a woman to graduate college in the 1920's, it was even more infrequent that a woman would take over the family business. Dorothy proved herself quite capable, however. She oversaw the completion of one of T.L.'s greatest projects: the first concrete bridge over the Current River. A year later when the bridge was ready to open, instead of doing the usual ribbon cutting, Dorothy pulled on her riding boots and jumped off the bridge.

Once again, Dorothy showed us a different way of doing things. I am still among the many who feel she was too soon taken from us, even at her estimable age of 102. All of these memories and stories about Dorothy only begin to scratch the surface of her drive, her determination, and her individuality. She was a principled, thoughtful, inspiring woman I am proud to call my friend. She will be greatly missed, but through her legendary legacy, I have no doubt she will live on.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CHEMISTRY TO OUR EVERY-
DAY LIVES AND SUPPORTING
THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NA-
TIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

HON. VILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 457, a resolution that supports the endeavors of the American Chemical Society to unite businesses, schools, and individuals in celebrating the importance of chemistry in the lives of Americans.

Scientists have led us in the pursuit of discovery and innovation, which has helped make America a great nation. In order to educate the next generation of scientists, in my congressional district local school districts and colleges are actively working to educate future chemists. It will be this generation of students who will lead our society to the next frontiers of science.

I applaud the efforts of the American Chemical Society to educate elementary and secondary school students about the positive effects of chemistry and to encourage them to consider chemistry as a career.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in recognizing the goals of National Chemistry Week, and I urge them to support this very worthwhile resolution.

HOUSTON ASTROS, 2005 NATIONAL
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, this October, for the first time in Major League Baseball history, the city of Houston, Texas was represented in the World Series. The Houston Astros, a team that I have followed since their days as the Colt .45s, completed an extraordinary season by facing the Chicago White Sox in the Fall Classic. Although Houston fell short of a World

Championship, they achieved a level of success that had never before been seen by the organization or their fans. I join all of Texas in recognizing the players, Owner and CEO Drayton McLane, Jr., General Manager Tim Lincecum, Manager Phil Garner, also known as "Scrap Iron," and the entire Houston Astros organization for their outstanding performance in 2005.

The city of Houston was awarded a Major League franchise on October 17, 1960. The team, then known as the Colt .45s, began play in the 1962 season. With the opening of the Houston Astrodome in 1965, the Colt .45s became the Astros, and they have been recognized by that name for the past 40 years. Led by players such as Cesar Cedeno, Joe Niekro, Larry Dierker, Nolan Ryan—baseball's all-time strikeout king, Mike Scott—Houston's first Cy Young Award winner, Jose Cruz, Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio and the other "Killer B's," Houston has been a first-class franchise over the course of four decades. While reaching the playoffs in six of the past nine years, the Astros have proven their skill on the diamond and in the front office.

With the addition of hometown heroes Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte to their already impressive roster, the Astros reached the National League Championship Series in 2004. Expectations were high going into 2005, but the team faced several roadblocks to begin the season. By the end of May, the Astros were 15 games below .500 and had been written off by many baseball fans and members of the media. Those doubters could not have been more wrong. Houston emerged as the most dangerous team in baseball over the last four months of the season, making a historic run to the World Series.

Whether it was timely hitting by veteran Craig Biggio, a towering home run by breakout star Morgan Ensberg, or nearly flawless pitching performances by Roy Oswalt, Andy Pettitte and the incomparable Roger Clemens, the Houston Astros solidified their status as one of the league's elite teams. I join the city of Houston and the great state of Texas in congratulating the Houston Astros for their remarkable 2005 season, the greatest in franchise history.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 9

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Energy and Natural Resources

To hold joint hearings to examine energy pricing and profits, focusing on record prices of oil, gasoline, and natural gas and factors affecting those prices, issues relating to global demand, resource development strategies and windfall profits taxes, and the effectiveness of federal and state consumer protection laws to prevent occurrences of price gouging during supply disruptions.

SD-106

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine issues regarding a comprehensive and integrated approach to meet the water resources needs of coastal Louisiana in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including storm and flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration and navigation.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Avian influenza preparation issues.

SD-419

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the use of cameras in the courtroom.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Finance

Business meeting to review and make recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement.

SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Coast Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine agricultural transportation and energy issues.

SDG-50

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense Business Transformation and Financial Management Accountability.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Ross Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Carol van Voorst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, and Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland.

SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To resume oversight hearings to examine the Federal security clearance process, focusing on Office of Personnel Management's plan to address the backlog of security clearance investigations.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee

Science and Space Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine S. 517, to establish a Weather Modification Operations and Research Board.

SD-562

NOVEMBER 10

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, and James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the existing particulate matter and ozone air quality standards.

SD-406

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the development of New Basel Capital Accords.

SD-538

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Aviation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of the Wright amendment, which restricts travel into and out of Dallas

Love Field for commercial flights with more than 56 seats.

SD-562

10:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Edward F. Sproat III, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state interest in protecting children and families relating to pornography.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the rebuilding of VA assets on the Gulf Coast.

SD-138

NOVEMBER 15

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Business meeting to consider certain military nominations.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member and to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SD-106

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine public policy options for encouraging alternative automotive fuel technologies.

SD-562

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine a status report on the Environmental Protection Management programs of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine defense acquisition issues related to tactical aviation and Army programs.

SR-222

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 431, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 505, to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, S. 1288, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, S. 1544, to establish the Northern Plains National Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota, S. Con. Res. 60, designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, S. 748 and H.R. 1084, bills to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New

Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104-329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund.

SD-366

NOVEMBER 16

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2005.

SD-562

NOVEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine aviation safety.

SD-562

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine regulations for the National Security Personnel System.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-562

POSTPONEMENTS

NOVEMBER 9

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366